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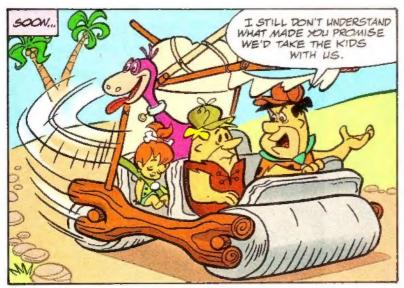




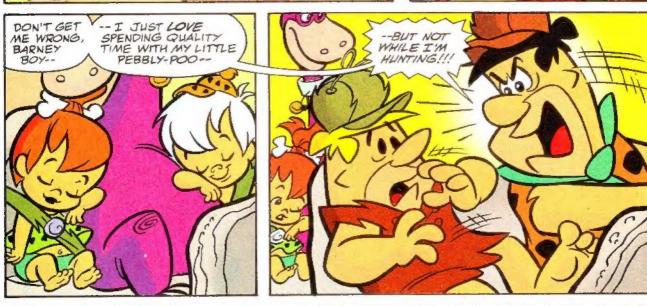


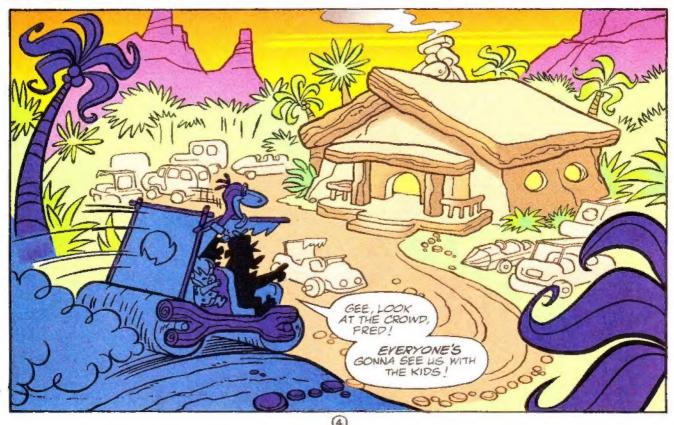














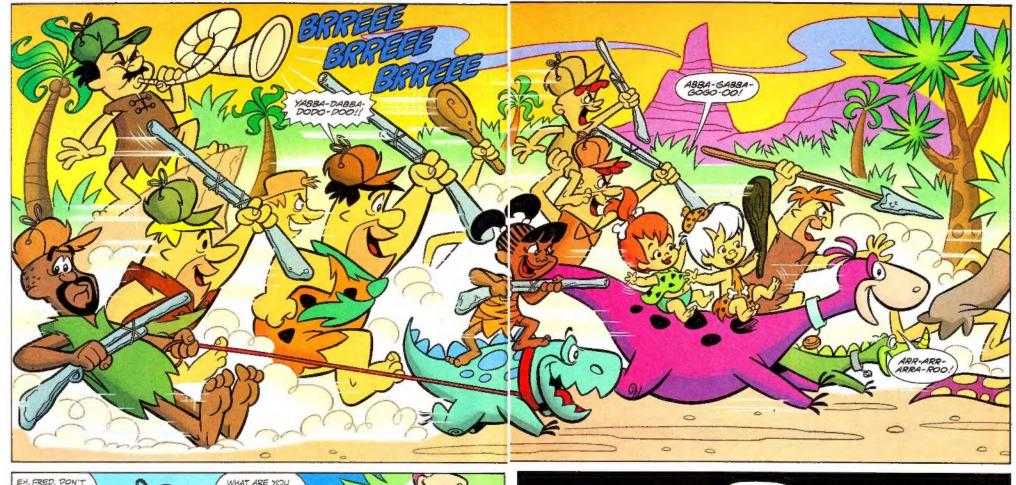










































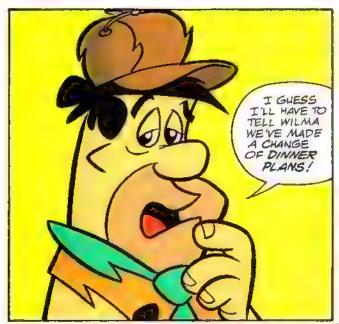
























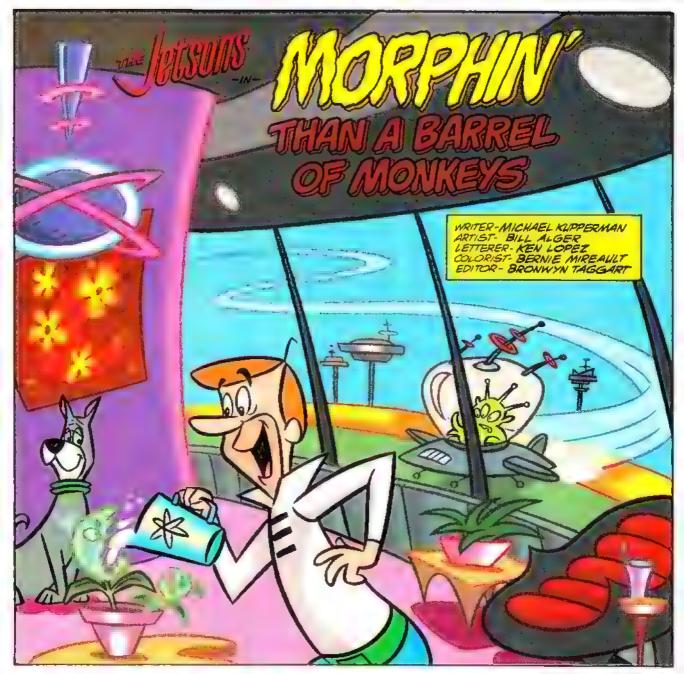














































































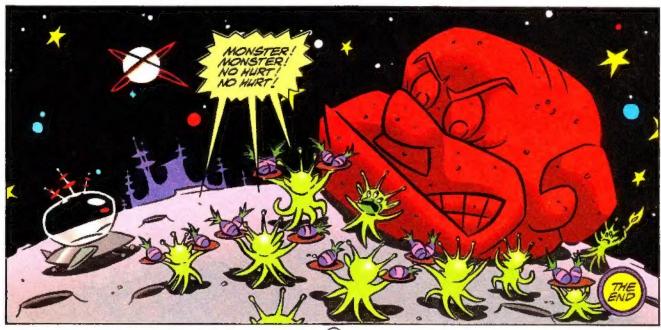












Happy Thanksgiving

It's time to gather together with family and friends, time to sit down around a table loaded with delicious food, time to pig out on traditional favorites like — EELS AND WATERCRESS!!!

But you know what? The Pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving feast in New England really did eat eels, along with clams, codfish, bass, leeks (a vegetable sort of like an onion), barley, wild plums, corn bread, ducks, geese, and venison (deer meat). And watercress. Oh yeah—and turkey.

But that Thanksgiving feast, the first one held by the Pilgrims at Plymouth colony (in 1621), wasn't the first Thanksgiving celebration in America. The very first official American Thanksgiving observance was on December 4, 1619, near what is now Charles City, Virginia. That was when English immigrants first arrived at the settlement called Berkeley Plantation. The charter that gave the settlers their land said that they had to observe that date every year as a day for giving thanks to Godso they did.

In "What's Up" in the last issue of The Flintstones and The Jetsons we talked about how Americans observe three different kinds of holidays—national, religious, and secular (non-religious special days, like Halloween).

Thanksgiving started out as a religious holiday, a day set aside for people to thank God for the blessings they'd received throughout the year. The first Pilgrims came to Massachusetts in 1620 looking for a place where they could practice their religion as they pleased. During their first winter in the New World nearly half of them died. During their first summer, many of the crops they planted failed to grow. So life in America was hard for them, but they were still grateful that they had religious freedom here.

At the end of their first autumn in New England the Plymouth colony's governor, William Bradford, decided to hold a harvest festival to give thanks for the progress the Pilgrims had made in establishing their settlement, Ninety Native Americans, led by Chief Massasoit, came as the settlers' guests because they'd taught the colonists how to grow corn. (They also brought the deer meat for the dinner.) This first Thanksgiving feast lasted three days. Everybody ate at big tables outdoors, played

games, and generally had a blast. But then it was two years before they did it again, in 1623.

For a long time, the early settlers in America celebrated Thanksgiving only when they had something to be thankful for. After the Revolutionary War, some states had regular Thanksgiving holidays and some didn't. In 1846 a woman named Sarah Josepha Hale began a campaign to establish a yearly, national Thanksgiving Day holiday. Ms. Hale was the editor of a very popular women's magazine called Godey's Lady's Book, so she wrote editorials and articles and letters about it, and finally, in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thursday, November 26 as the first national Thanksgiving Day. For 78 years after that, the President had to proclaim Thanksgiving Day every year; it wasn't until 1941 that the U.S. Congress set the fourth Thursday of every November as a National holiday-which is what Thanksgiving is today. And we can all be thankful that we don't have to eat





Thanks for the letters, everybody! All three of DC's Cartoon Network comics are now getting letters every day. It's lots of fun to read them, and it's fun to share them with you-like this:

Tony Germinaro Jefferson, Ohio

Dear Editor.

I am a boy. I like the Looney Tunes shows. The kinds of books I like are Animorphs, Goosebumps, and sports books. I like the Cartoon Network. I would like to know why don't you make the Flintstones and the Jetsons meet again?

Good question, Reader Tony. As you may have read in last month's letter column, Reader Stephen "Steve" G. Baer of Framingham, Massachusetts listed all the different times that the Flintstones and the Jetsons have met in the past, and other Readers have also asked us whether we will ever do a Flintstones/Jetsons crossover story. Right now we don't think so. That's why, in the first issue of The Flintstones and The Jetsons, we had Fred Flintstone meet an ancient

ancestor of George Jetson, and George Jetson meet a distant descendant of Fred Flintstone so there wasn't any real crossover there. As for the rest of your letter-good for you for being so interested in reading all kinds of books, and good for you for liking the Cartoon

Robert R. Sutton, Jr. Columbus, Ohio

Dear DC:

So, you would like to have some letters and comments for your new Cartoon Network comics. Well, I for one have been reading comics featuring



Barbera characters ever since they were in Dell comics. Here are some characters that, as a fan and collector, I would like to see make guest appearances:

The Flintstones:

1. Hoppy, the Hoparoo; 2. The Great Gazoo: 3. The Gruesomes; 4. Baby Puss.

Scooby-Doo:

1. Scooby-Dum; 2. Dynomutt + Blue Falcon;

3. Captain Caveman + the Teen Angels; 4. Speed Buggy; 5. Goober + the Ghost Busters; 6. Clue Club with Woofer + Wimper;

7. Inch High, Private Eye; 8. Josie and the PussyCats.

And, of course, in Cartoon Network Presents, please bring back some of the OLD characters in all-new stories. There are a LOT of old Hanna-Barbera characters we haven't seen in years. Bring them back, and give them some new life.

Thank you, and good luck!

Thanks for your good wishes and good suggestions, Robert. By now you've probably seen many of your old favorites in Cartoon Network Presents, and also realized that EVERY story in DC's Cartoon Network comics is all-new. Like all Hanna-Barbera fans, we love the characters and we love watching their animated shows on the Cartoon Network, but most of all we love being able to create new stories for them. Right now, DC's Cartoon Network comics

line is the only place where fans can see their favorite characters in new adventures. (Yay! We rule!) As for your specific suggestions for The Flintstones, we've just featured the Great Gazoo in issue #4 and the Gruesomes in issue #5, so can Hoppy the Hoparoo be far behind? Keep reading The Flintstones and The Jetsons and see!

Hey, how come the only people who write to us are from Ohio? Let's get some other states into our Letters Column. Write to us at The Flintstones and The Jetsons, c/o DC Comics, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019we're waiting for letter!

NEXT ISSUE

Judy Jetson becomes Mr. Spacely's unwitting agent of industrial espionage when the groovy guy she's dating turns out to be Cody Cogswell-son of THE Mr. Cogswell of Cogswell Cogs—in "The Spy Who Grounded Me." And when Fred Flintstone gets fed up with the stress of fastpaced Bedrock life, there's only one thing to do-go live in a cavel But can Fred survive without all the modern stone-age luxuries he takes for granite? Ha!

THIS MONTH'S COVER, the first in our "Dogs in Gullies" limited collectors' series, was pencilled, inked, and colored by Glen Hanson.







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